

Highlights of July 17, 2006 eWiSACWIS Quarterly Release

Ongoing Model Family Assessment and Case Plan – The Family Assessment, Case Plan and Case Progress Evaluations have been redesigned to simplify the documents and make the documents more user-friendly. The Family Assessment & Case Plan (FA&CP) will be combined into one page, which will draw narrative and safety information from the Initial Assessment to assist the worker with the Family Assessment. Case goals identified in the FA&CP will pre-fill in the Case Progress Evaluation. Through the case Progress Evaluation, case managers will be able to update case goals. Saving a FA&CP will also automatically generate a Safety Assessment & Planning page, which will pre-fill with the Safety Threats answered on the FA&CP. Additionally, a case plan summary and a case progress evaluation summary will be available that pre-fills goals and services so that case managers are able to readily share plans with families. This enhancement was recommended by the Program Enhancement Plan Case Process Committee.

Safety Assessment – The Safety Assessment and Plan documents have been revised to reflect the Safety Intervention Standards that take effect in July 2006 and will now be integrated into the Family Assessment and Case Plan documents within the system. The revised Safety Assessment will support more effective assessment of impending danger threats and the "Plan Analysis" tab will better support the safety decision making process. The "Out-of-Home Safety" tab has been revised to describe the family interaction plan and what is needed for a child to return home with an in-home safety plan. Information in the Safety Assessment will pre-fill and copy-over to the Family Assessment, Case Plan and Case Progress Evaluation documents, reducing case manager time to complete those documents. This enhancement was also recommended by the Program Enhancement Plan Case Process Committee.

User Audit Tracking - A new feature has been added to eWReports to allow agencies to monitor what cases are being accessed by users and to identify instances where their cases have been accessed by other users. Searches can be done by case, person, provider or worker. The audit tracking will allow agencies to ensure that confidentiality requirements are being followed. This enhancement was recommended by a system confidentiality review conducted by the Department.

WBT Updates - Multiple areas within the eWiSACWIS Web Based Training modules (WBTs) have been updated to cover current system functionality. The updated WBTs are the primary training tools for new users of the system.

Activity Notes - Users will now see the Case Activity Notes in Date Occurred order including the times on the print out. Users will be able to print out the notes in date/time order without any other sorting criteria. Incident 20178.

Foster Care/Out of Home Placements - Added a new field in the Foster Care Rate Setting page to give users more flexibility with rate setting ticklers. This field will automatically be disabled and a value defaulted based on certain rate setting types. In addition, the Foster Care Rate Setting page was enhanced to retrieve the appropriate Basic foster care rate based on the effective date entered by the user. This will allow users to back-date rate settings into prior years, even if a Foster Care Rate change has occurred. Incidents 10118 and 10466.

Access - The security processing for supervisor screening decisions has been modified by adding a new security resource that allows case workers (with the appropriate security) to screen in access reports as supervisors, without having to be set-up with other management approvals. Incident 20084.

CPS Reports – Emergency CPS Access Reports and the referral link under the Access Report will be highlighted in red to identify important actions. Incidents 20019 and 10492.

Spell Check - The page from which a spell check window was launched will now direct a user how to navigate back to the actual spell check window if the user had left that page to look at something else on the computer. Incident 8524.

Reports – The Outcome Measurement Reports Dashboard has been enhanced to allow users to save graphs by right clicking on the graph and saving as a file to be inserted into a document. The Dashboard has also been enhanced to allow up to 12 quarters of data to be displayed and to do customized comparisons between counties. The new SM06a04 Initial Assessment Activity report will track open and closed assessments, the associated maltreatment types, and maltreatment determinations. The report, which will be run monthly and on demand, will also include a breakdown of investigation disposition findings and the number of children put into placement. Incidents 10514 and 20377.